

## NATIONS HEADS COUNTRY CLUB

New Club Organizes; Will Build Club House and Auto Road on Mesa.

J. H. Nations was elected president of the Mount Franklin Country club, at a meeting of the board of directors of the club held recently for the purpose of perfecting the organization. Julius A. Krakauer was elected vice-president; U. S. Stewart, treasurer; D. C. Sutton, secretary and J. H. Nations, E. S. Stewart, J. A. Krakauer, George R. LeBaron, Park W. Pitman, Zach T. White and D. C. Sutton, directors. On the membership committee are George R. LeBaron, J. A. Krakauer, Park W. Pitman, J. H. Nations and J. F. McKenzie. D. C. Sutton and George R. LeBaron are on the bylaws committee.

About 100 of the most prominent people of El Paso have joined the club. The club owns 145 acres of ground on a plateau at the base of the hills on the eastern slope of Mount Franklin. It is surrounded on three sides by mountains. The club house will be erected soon. It will be one story of mission style, built of rock trimmed in stucco. A large hall will be the main feature and there will be office rooms, a restaurant and the usual features of a club building.

**Six Miles Out.** It will be about six miles from the heart of the city, and will be best reached over Division or Piedras streets which will soon be paved by the county commissioners. This road which will be built along the east base of the hills. The club will possess many interesting features. Among these will be picnic grounds, a gymnasium and swimming pool with shower baths. There will also be golf links, tennis courts, a baseball diamond, a basketball court and a rifle range.

## MR. SMITH ACTS VERY PROMPTLY

Tells the State Department Americans Murdered Must Be Avenged.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Under pressure of appeals from the people of southwestern Texas, the state department has begun to assemble all evidence in connection with the massacre of the 17 American citizens at Santa Ysabel, Mexico, with a view toward presenting a formal claim on the Carranza government for an indemnification of the widows and other relatives of the murdered men.

Representative William R. Smith, of Texas, is responsible for setting the wheels of the department in motion in this direction. Armed with a sheaf of telegrams from the residents of the Sixteenth Texas district, he went to the department and informed secretary Lansing that his constituents deeply resented suggestions emanating from Washington that the state department was not sure it could hold the Carranza government in any way responsible for the outrage.

**NEW CHINESE EMPEROR REFUSES TO LET DEPOSED EMPEROR MOVE**

Peking, China, Jan. 26.—Shi Tao, the guardian of the Peking imperial household, has advised Yuan Shi-kai that the boy emperor and his retinue desire to move from the imperial palace and take up their home at the summer palace, thus leaving the royal quarters in the Forbidden City entirely to the new emperor, Yuan Shi-kai, his wives and 21 children.

Rumors are still in circulation that the sixth daughter of Yuan Shi-kai has been betrothed to the "boy emperor" Hsuan Tung, who is now about nine years old. No official announcement has been authorized as yet.

## BACA ACQUITTED IN 10 MINUTES

New Mexico Lawyer Found "Not Guilty" of Shooting Celestino Otero.

El Paso, Jan. 26.—BACA was found "not guilty" of the murder of Celestino Otero by a jury in the 24th district court Tuesday night after it had been out but 10 minutes.

C. N. Bassett was foreman of the jury and the jury retired at 5:32 and returned at 5:42 p. m. There were five people in the courtroom when the verdict was rendered, BACA being there with his wife and his two sons. The BACA case has been on trial since Monday.

**BACA Tells of Killing.** El Paso, Jan. 26.—BACA stood in his own defense Tuesday afternoon and testified, "and when I shot at him I thought my life was in danger," he testified, "and when I shot at him the second time it was because he still had the pistol in his hand. When he dropped the pistol I quit shooting."

The defendant began his testimony by telling the story of his life, the public office he had held and then took up the threads of the happenings which led to the tragedy at Santa Ysabel, Sunday afternoon, January 21, 1915.

**Looking For Son.** "I came to El Paso at that time," said BACA, "to locate my 17 year old son, who had run away from the State Agricultural & Mechanical college at El Paso. I thought I should find him in El Paso and came on here."

On the Saturday preceding the shooting, I met my son at the hotel where he was staying. He was feeling against me because I had been Salazar's attorney.

**Met Otero at Hotel.** "When Dr. Romero and I met in the Paso del Norte lobby we walked a few steps and met this man Otero. He said, 'How do you do?' and I said the same back to him. I undertook to shake hands with him and Otero hesitated but finally he gave me his hand."

"At another time Dr. Romero said that he owed an apology to both of us. He had been with him a few days previous when I would be in town and that he had neglected to deliver the message or tell me that Otero had been quarreling with me. I replied that we would step into the lobby where there were a number of chairs and we could talk. He said, 'No, I want to see you more privately.'"

"Then I said that he might come to my room—but he declined this saying that we should go to Ando's place. 'But why there?' I asked. He replied: 'Because Ando and myself want to see you.'"

**Otero Not At Ando's.** "Otero then went toward El Paso street and Dr. Romero and I drove in and out of the streets taking our time as we realized that we would have to allow Otero time to get there. When we did get to Ando's place, which is at 225 Santa Fe street, I got out of the car and looked in but did not see Ando nor Otero."

"As we neared the crossing, driving back, I noticed the switch engine and we started to stop. At the same time Otero came across the track and waved his hand, calling that we stop. I said to Romero, 'Yes, stop.'"

Otero said, 'Aren't you going to Ando's?' and I said that I had already been there and that Ando was not there. I told him that I did not want to go back. Then I asked him, 'What do you want?' He had his hand in his right pocket and I noticed that he became somewhat nervous."

**Shot With Pistol.** "I said to him, 'What have you got in that hand?' and he held out something quick and shot at me with a pistol. And I pulled my gun and fired two shots and he dropped. When I fired the second time he said, 'Don't shoot any more,' and he dropped the gun and I said, 'I ain't going to shoot any more.'"

"Otero then tried to reach my gun where he lay and tried to get at his pocket and I saw a man running toward us and that man picked up the gun. And I said to the man, 'What are you going to do with that gun?' Then I said to him, 'Throw it away.' And the man dropped the gun."

"Then I turned around and said to Dr. Romero, 'Let's go to town. I want to give up to the sheriff or marshal.'"

**Two Witnesses.** Trinidad Zamora, then a bartender at the Ando's place, and Jeff Brantford, a rider along the canal bank for the reclamation service; testified that they saw the tragedy from the beginning to the end but had not thought to discuss it.

A. C. Augue, living at 3129 Alameda street and formerly of Albuquerque, N. M., stated that Otero had told him that he was going to El Paso to kill BACA and get even with him for an article that BACA had printed in one of his papers. He testified also that Otero had said that he would return to Albuquerque with \$5000 or \$10000 with which he proposed to buy a ranch."

**Gen. Salazar's Attorney.** BACA stated that he had been Gen. Salazar's attorney, but that he had no part in the escape of that person. He said that he had given up the Salazar while he had been in the Salazar prison, and that he had been in Mexico, that it had come to him through a friend of Salazar and not direct.

The attorney for the defense also introduced 30 affidavits from people in Bitter Springs, N. M., regarding Otero's character.

**YSLETA HAS ONLY TEN SOLDIERS ON DUTY NOW**

Ysleta, Texas, Jan. 26.—Capt. R. B. Gilling, Lieut. Robt. Tate and Lieut. W. M. Modette of the 15th cavalry which has been stationed here for the past month, Ysleta has seen the first prize a mahogany tea tray, was won by Mrs. Otto Carr. The guests prize was won by Miss Blanche Bookler. At five o'clock a course consisting of chicken potpie, manduliches and coffee was served in the dining room. The table was spread with a shiny cloth and lighted candles in crystal sticks and shaded with pink shades decorated with apple blossoms. Huge jardiniere and vases filled with the same blossoms. Four venetian crystal vases, linked together with crystal chains were filled with pink carnations and narcissus and formed the central decoration of the table. Pink and yellow satin bags, filled with rose leaves were given the guests, who included Mesdames Louis Bock, J. L. Reid, W. N. Biddle, E. S. White, J. D. Duncan, Cecil Crichton, J. L. Watson, R. L. Dornand, O. S. McIntyre, John and Miss M. S. Swartz and E. E. Landman and Miss Blanche Bookler.

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## SAYS HER HUSBAND DESIRED HER DEATH

Bitter Charges Filed in Suit For Divorce Against a Young Arizona Man.

An Ann Arbor, Mich., special to the Grand Rapids News says: Charging that her husband, Walter Duane Bird, of Nogales, Ariz., student in the law department of the University of Michigan, and prominent fraternity man here, told her while she was ill that he hoped she would die and that he hoped "she broke her leg" whenever she went out on the street, Mrs. Mary Snyder Bird has filed suit for divorce. Bird's cross bill in answer to these charges has also been filed, declaring that his wife had admitted her faults to him.

She accuses him of having choked her and threatened to take their oldest child, a boy, away from her, and declares that he has frequently told her she should have married a blacksmith, "instead of an educated man." Bird, on his part, accuses his wife of having clawed and kicked him during fits of temper, and charges that one day last November she hurled books at him, one after the other. One of the 50 was Hugo's "Les Miserables." Each asks exclusive custody of the two children. They were married in Ypsilanti in May, 1914, by the late Rev. William Gardam of the Episcopal church.

## LIEUT. LUTHER FELKER, OF 16TH INFANTRY, RETIRED

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—The following army orders have been issued: First Lieut. Luther Felker, 16th infantry, has been retired by the president and will proceed to his home. Second Lieut. S. M. Decker, coast artillery corps, will proceed to this city for temporary duty, thence to proper station. Second Lieut. M. A. Fales, infantry, assigned to the 11th infantry. First Lieut. Blaxham Ward, 16th infantry, will proceed to Fort Jay, N. Y., for duty. Leaves on his part, Capt. J. E. Mitchell, 11th cavalry, two months. Capt. E. H. Cook, Second infantry, two months. First Lieut. W. H. Dwyer, First field artillery, two months. First Lieut. L. R. James, 25th infantry, ten days.

## PRISONERS PLAN ESCAPE; TO GET FILES IN BREAD

Prisoners in the county jail were discussing a general jail break, Santiago Perez, a prisoner in the jail on a burglary charge, told acting judge W. D. Howe, Tuesday afternoon. He said the men who were going out of jail had promised to send in loaves of bread with files concealed in the bread and these would be used to saw the bars. Perez was ordered back to the jail and that he be placed in a separate cell so there would be no effort to punish him for "squealing." Sheriff P. J. Edwards says the prisoners discuss getting out of jail all the time, having little else to do. He says he has four guards at the jail all the time and is not worrying about the proposed jail break.

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